

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-13 and 16-24 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 45 and 48-50 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, 5-13 and 16-24 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 45 and 50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (US 7,366,150) in view of Aburakawa et al. (US 2003/0007214). As noted above, claims 45 and 48-50 have been canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Accordingly, because allowable claims 1, 2, 5-13 and 16-24 are the only claims currently pending in the application, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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